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1. The printing plant in Potsdam, Lenin Allee 12, is a purely military installation. The editorial and technical staff consists of uniformed Soviet personnel. There are about 30 to 40 Soviet officers. The setters and printers are Soviet enlisted men who are probably assigned to the plant from other military units on the basis of their civilian background or capabilities. The enlisted men, working as setters and printers, receive the same pay as the enlisted men in other military units. The clerical staff consists of a small number of female civilians. 25X1
2. The editor-in-chief, who is also the CO of the unit, is a full colonel. The chief censor of the paper, whose task is to read the paper before it goes into final print, is a lieutenant colonel. This officer is probably the party watch-dog or the security officer of the unit. The names of these two officers are as yet 25X1 unknown.
3. As of the beginning of May, the only paper printed in the Potsdam printing plant is the "Sovietskaya Armiya". There have been plans, however, for the printing of "Pravda" and "Krasnaya Zvezda" for distribution in Germany. 25X1
4. The printing plant is run by a unit which came originally from Kiev (or the "Ukranian Army") in 1945. In the beginning there were many Ukranian editors or officers in the unit. The road from Kiev to Potsdam was marked on a map hanging in one of the rooms of the editorial staff.
5. In the period from 1945 to about 1949, there were very many Jewish officers on the staff of the paper. These all disappeared during the purge of the "cosmopolitan" elements. As of this time, there are no Jewish officers on the staff of the paper.
6. The enlisted men live in the occupied building by the plant. They are forbidden to leave the premises individually. Only collective trips are authorized. The morale of the enlisted men is low. Most of them try to obtain alcoholic beverages which are strictly forbidden and spend all their pay on "vodka" which is procured in a clandestine manner. Gripes about being kept "in prison" are very frequent.

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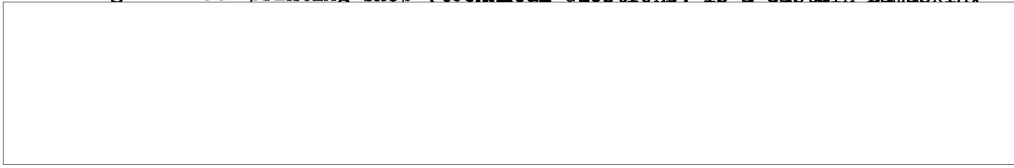
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7. The manager of the printing shop (technical questions) is a Captain Damaskin.



8. The printing plant is guarded by details assigned from other military units. The guard details change frequently.



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